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Guild's 8CPA calculator

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia, in collaboration with NostraData, has unveiled a new calculator to help pharmacies understand changes to their dispensary remuneration under the recently announced eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA).

This tool enables pharmacies to grasp the evolving remuneration landscape by providing data specific to their operations under the 8CPA, building on the success of a similar calculator for 60-day dispensing remuneration.

An additional calculator for professional services income will be available once the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance



matrix for 2024-25 is finalised.

Guild's Acting President Nick Panayiaris (**pictured**) said that last year, members "benefited significantly" from data and insights provided by NostraData's analytical tools, which helped pharmacists thrive despite recent challenges.

Highlighting the tool's importance, NostraData CEO Jim Xenos said granting pharmacists easy access to essential insights enables them to run sustainable businesses by navigating changing regulations and understanding their impact. JG

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A NATIONAL brand for over 80 years, Glucojel jelly beans is a top-selling product in pharmacy and is a great way to grow your bottom line.

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Reusing devices

MEDSALV is appealing to pharmacies and hospitals to ditch a throwaway culture of single-use medical devices and send them to its new Victorian remanufacturing plant.

Company founder and CEO Oliver Hunt says the medical sector's environmental footprint can be significantly reduced with remanufacturing instead of sending to landfill.

Hunt said medical device manufacturers should consider sustainability and end-of-life during the initial production, which would allow more products to be safely reused, recycled or remanufactured.

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Dispensary Corner

MUSIC is often considered medicine for the soul, but if that is true, then the dose may need to be doubled, or even tripled.

A new study from the *Springer Nature* medical journal has analysed the vocal melodies of music from 1950 to the present day and reached the conclusion that songs are much simpler than before.

Far removed from the big bands or post-war era brass virtuosos, the advent of newer musical genres such as wave, disco, stadium rock and hip hop have made music dumber.

The study looked at top-five Billboard hits over the seven intervening decades, particularly noting more significant declines in 1975 and 2000 - thanks Captain & Tennille and Faith Hill.

In it, researchers noted the complexity of song rhythms and variation in pitch declined, while average played notes increased.

The study also noted that the prevalence of electronic music mixing and automated looping removed high levels of musical skill from some genres.

AMA "100 percent behind" sugar tax

THE Australian Medical Association (AMA) has heaped praise on a parliamentary inquiry which has recommended a sugar tax on all soft drinks.

The association says the inquiry has grasped an opportunity to act on ballooning national obesity and diabetes rates, with the tax raising funds to direct towards tackling chronic diseases.

AMA President Professor Steve Robson said the association's financial modelling shows a sugar tax could generate government revenue of up to \$4 billion over four years, which can be used to



fund preventative health activities.

"We are 100 percent behind this sugar tax on sugar-sweetened beverages because we know it could help reduce the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in Australia, as well as reducing other chronic diseases," Professor Robson said.

"Prevention is better than cure

and this inquiry has realised we need to be ahead of what is a national health crisis."

Research has shown a sugar tax can result in 16,000 fewer cases of type 2 diabetes, 4,400 fewer cases of heart disease and 1,100 fewer cases of stroke over 25 years.

The average 375ml can of soft drink contains around 12 teaspoons of sugar, with Australians consuming 2.4 billion litres per year.

The AMA cited more than 100 countries and jurisdictions which have seen success from a sugar tax.

The committee also recommended longer appointment times for GPs seeing patients about diabetes and associated conditions. *ML*

2San illegal supply

HEALTHCARE manufacturer 2San Pty Ltd has begun a two-year court enforceable undertaking for unlawfully importing bacterial vaginosis tests and pregnancy tests not approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

The ruling means 2San must provide an annual written audit to the TGA, hire a compliance consultant to advise on regulatory procedures, recall the unregistered goods and pay costs for the undertaking.




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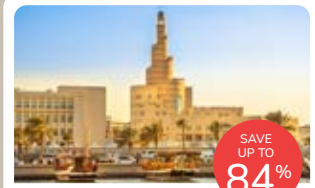
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